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STANDARD CERTIFICATION FOR THE PROPOSED MOORPARK STREET BRIDGE RESTORATION PROJECT (CORPS' PROJECT NO. 2002-00534-PJF), LOS ANGELES RIVER, STUDIO CITY, LOS ANGELES COUNTY (FILE NO. 02-029)

Dear Mr. Yoe:

Regional Board staff has reviewed your request on behalf of the City of Los Angeles (the Applicant) for a Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification for the above-referenced project. Your application was deemed complete on February 13, 2002.

I hereby certify that any discharge from the Moorpark Street Bridge Restoration Project, as proposed and described in Attachment A, if performed in accordance with all applicable water quality objectives, prohibitions, and policies set forth in the *Water Quality Control Plan, Los Angeles Region* (1994), and in accordance with the conditions specified in Attachment B, will comply with the applicable water quality standards and other appropriate requirements, including the provisions of Sections 301, 302, 303, 306, and 307 of the Clean Water Act.

The Applicant shall be liable civilly for any violations of this certification in accordance with the California Water Code. This certification does not eliminate the Applicant's responsibility to comply with any other applicable laws, requirements and/or permits.

Should you have questions concerning this certification action, please contact Jason Lambert, Lead, Section 401 Program, at (213) 576-5733.

[Original Signed By]

[April 12, 2002]

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ATTACHMENT A

Project Information File No. 02-029

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Phone: (619) 624-2710 Fax: (619) 624-2718
3. Project Name: Moorpark Street Bridge Restoration Project
4. Project Location: Studio City, Los Angeles County
5. Type of Project: Bridge Widening and Reinforcement
6. Project Description:
Purpose: The purpose of this proposed project is to improve the geometry of the bridge decks to handle current and projected Average Daily Trips (ADT). This will improve the traffic flow in the community of Studio City.

Description: The proposed project will increase the overall width of the bridge from 63 feet to 97 feet. The bridge will remain single-span with two-way traffic. The proposed bridge will have new 12-foot shoulders between the 12-foot wide lanes and the 5-foot wide sidewalks. Also, the proposed project will widen the bridge's four (4) abutments by 12-feet in order to support the new widened bridge design. Impacts to the channel will occur when four approximately 12-foot sections of the channel wall will be removed at the four abutment construction areas. The channel walls will be replaced once the reconstruction has occurred.
7. Federal Agency/Permit: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
NWP Nos. 14 & 33 (Permit No. 2002-00534-PJF)

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| 8. Other Required Regulatory Approvals: | California Department of Fish and Game Streambed Alteration Agreement (Notification No. R5-2002-0041) |
| 9. California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Compliance: | The proposed project is Categorical Exempt from CEQA pursuant to the CEQA Guidelines, Section 15301 (Existing Facilities). |
| 10. Receiving Water: | Tujunga Wash, (Hydrologic Unit No. 405.21) |
| 11. Designated Beneficial Uses: | MUN, GWR, REC-1, REC-2, WARM, COLD, and WILD |
| 12. Impacted Waters of the United States: | Non-wetland waters (concrete lined channel): 0.14 temporary acres |
| 13. Dredge Volume: | None |
| 14. Related Projects Implemented/to be Implemented by the Applicant: | <p>The Applicant has identified four related projects carried out in the last 5 years or planned for implementation in the next 5 years.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Radford Avenue Bridge Restoration Project (Los Angeles River);• Tujunga Avenue Bridge Restoration Project (Los Angeles River);• Colfax Avenue Bridge Restoration Project (Los Angeles River); and• Fulton Avenue Bridge Restoration Project (Los Angeles River). <p>Impacts from these proposed bridge rehabilitation projects are to be similar to the proposed activity and range from 0.08 to 0.14 acres of temporary impacts to the channel walls.</p> |

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15. Avoidance/
Minimization
Activities:

The Applicant has proposed to implement several Best Management Practices, including, but not limited to, the following:

- Erosion control techniques, including, but not limited to, silt fences, hay bales, and sand bags will be used to prevent the transportation of sediment into the channel;
- Construction operation will occur in dry seasons or when there is little or no flow in the channel;
- Any flow within the channel during the construction will be diverted away to attain a dry work environment; and
- Construction equipment will be properly maintained to prevent pollutants from entering the channel.

16. Proposed
Compensatory
Mitigation:

The Applicant has not proposed any compensatory mitigation to offset the proposed temporary impacts, and this agency will not require any.

ATTACHMENT B

Conditions of Certification File No. 02-029

STANDARD CONDITIONS

Pursuant to §3860 of Title 23 of the California Code of Regulations (23 CCR), the following three standard conditions shall apply to this project:

1. This certification action is subject to modification or revocation upon administrative or judicial review, including review and amendment pursuant to §13330 of the California Water Code and Article 6 (commencing with 23 CCR §3867).
2. This certification action is not intended and shall not be construed to apply to any activity involving a hydroelectric facility and requiring a Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) license or an amendment to a FERC license unless the pertinent certification application was filed pursuant to 23 CCR Subsection 3855(b) and the application specifically identified that a FERC license or amendment to a FERC license for a hydroelectric facility was being sought.
3. Certification is conditioned upon total payment of any fee required pursuant to 23 CCR Chapter 28 and owed by the Applicant.